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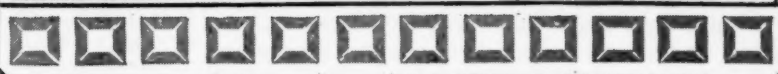
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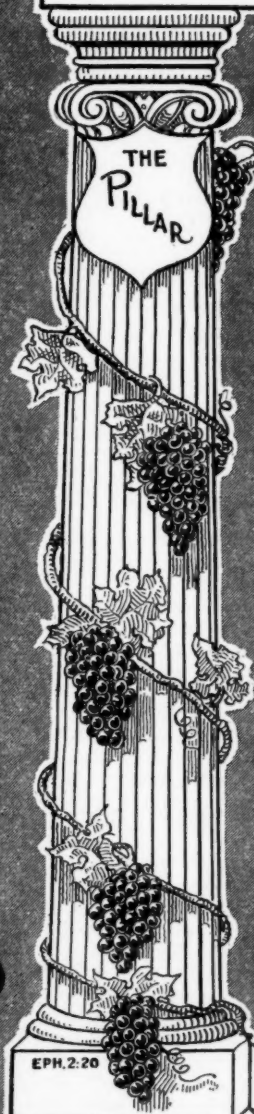
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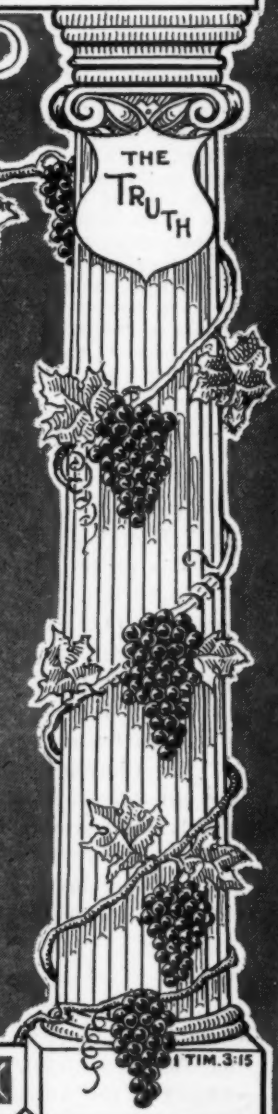
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Y. P. E.

There will be no Y. P. E. edition this month, owing to the low circulation of the previous edition. We will give the young people a chance to rally to the Y. P. E. during the General Assembly and for a limited time afterward. If we can secure as many as 2000 regular subscribers, then we will go ahead with the paper, and if not, we will refund all money received for unexpired subscriptions. In the event we republish the paper, we will set all subscriptions now on the books forward to cover the holiday for the Y. P. E. rally. Several subscriptions are coming in now from some workers in different states, and we confidently expect the young people to show their colors and put their paper

over the top. The contents of this paper are of great value not only to the young people themselves but to all lovers of good Christian literature. During the rally the price will be 50c for each yearly subscription.

LATEST WAR INVENTIONS

Evangelist McGowan reports the latest war devices as follows:

1. THE DEATH RAY. Will dissolve either steel, stone or wood into deadly gases in a very few minutes.
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5. COLD RAY. Will pierce a wall 18 inches thick at a distance of seven miles and will then exterminate all life within the wall.
6. BOMBS. Some of them in the last war weighed 400 pounds, now some weigh 4400 pounds.
7. There are today over 1000 different kinds of gases.
8. Some of these gases are 1000 times

stronger than any gas used in the last World War.

A HIGHWAY FULFILLS BIBLE PROPHECY

"In that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria" (Isa. 19:23). In remarkable fulfillment of inspired prophecy, we may view this new transportation line. "It remained for the motor-truck, one of transportation's newest tools, to finally fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah, by connecting Egypt and Palestine (Israel) with Irak, which state contains the major portion of ancient Assyria," says the Literary Digest.

"Since last July a Wisconsin boy driving a big FWD truck, has been traveling across this cradle of civilization, helping to build the forty-million dollar pipe line of the Irak Petroleum Company. This modern ship of the desert, with its four-wheel trailer, is hauling from twenty to thirty tons of steel plates and equipment per trip. It is assured that with improved economic conditions there will be a high-type road paralleling the pipe-line from Kirkuk to the sea of Hifa."

GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS BIBLES AND PENCILS

Those who have sold Bibles and pencils, who now have any amount of cash on hand or can collect for same, please make remittance to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary. We are anxious to balance these accounts as quickly as possible. Do not return Bibles or pencils until you first write us here.—E. C. Clark, Chairman.

COME TO THE ASSEMBLY

The 28th Annual Assembly of the Church of God will convene at the Church of God Auditorium, Cleveland, Tenn., on the evening of Oct. 7. Everybody is cordially invited. We are expecting the largest delegation in all the history of the Church.

There is a large camping ground, one block, this is sodded with Bermuda grass and will make excellent camping ground for those who wish to camp. Arrangements have been made by the Entertainment Committee to take care of thousands of people. We are looking for you.

If you do not belong to this wonderful body of saints, come and enjoy this feast with us. We will be glad to see you.

The Church has made rapid progress this year. We have received into our ranks 236 ministers and over 10,000 members. We do not know exactly how many members as the check-up has not been completed yet. This has been one of the greatest years in the history of the Church. We cordially invite all lovers of heartfelt religion and truth to come and unite with us in this great feast.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

BISHOP'S COUNCIL

This is to notify all Bishops of the Church of God that the Bishops' Council will meet at the Auditorium in Cleveland, Tenn., Friday morning, Oct. 6, at 8:30, in joint-session with the twelve Counsellors. According to the Assembly, all Bishops are counsellors and I hereby give legal notice that such matters as may come up for discussion in this body will be presented to the General Assembly for ratification, for the blessings of the entire Church of God everywhere.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

NOTICE TO PASTORS AND CLERKS

September 25 was the last day you had to send in your Annual Report. Has it been sent to Headquarters? If not, please send it RIGHT NOW. If you have been unable to hold a conference, just fill it in as best you can and send it on. We are depending upon them for our statistical report. We are expecting yours within the next few days.—General Secretary.

NOTICES

To the Y. P. E. members of the Birmingham, Ala. district: We want to be 100 per cent Endeavors and to do this we must cooperate with the officers over us. Are you sending your offerings in to Brother Willie Houtts, state treasurer? That is your duty and we must be strict in all points. Brother Colon Dunn, our state superintendent, is expecting us to carry out all parts. I was selected district superintendent and I must do my duty in calling your attention to these things. Put your shoulder to the wheel

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The Beast and His Mark

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

(Continued from last issue)

AND he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom, let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred three score and six, Rev. 13:16-18.

If the above mentioned mark is of a spiritual nature, it is received by obedience to the beast, in the same manner as the Christian is marked for and identified with Christ by the Holy Spirit, which in our previous article we have found to be very possible. If it is literal, then of course it is but a brand, perhaps stamped upon their right hands or in their foreheads; however, the sealing of the Christian by the Holy Spirit, or the sinner indwelt by the spirit and power of Satan is accomplished and defined in the very same way and by the same words. No man brands cattle that is not first his own property, if he is honest; therefore, the mark if literal is only a mark placed upon those who by virtue of obedience and ownership are already servants of the beast. With the rise of the beast they will wonder after him, and they will worship both the dragon and the beast, verse 4. If the mark is literal it is but the outward mark of those who are already acclaimed to be servants of the beast, who at some previous time have been deceived by him. In such a case it would be a pledge of allegiance to him.

Dr. Scofield has said that, "The supreme mark of all is the denial of the Christian truth of the incarnation of the Logos." The hand stands for what we do; the mind for what we are, for what we think and how we act. The mark referred to above may simply be the insignia of the hidden evil of Satan in the heart which is represented by a seal in the forehead, thus causing man to think

and act out of the will of God. If the sealing of the Holy Spirit makes man God's own, and it protects, limits, defines his action and conduct, and guides him in the way, the marking or sealing as here indicated may simply refer to the manner of how Satan captivates a soul and causes him to think and act in harmony with him.

Verse 17 is simply a denial by the government of the beast to allow individuals right to earn a livelihood unless they receive either the mark, name, or number of the beast. In either instance there are at least three features here mentioned. The Christian wears the name of Christ, he is marked or stigmatized with evil name and criticism by the world and wears the inward insignia of the spiritual or hidden man in the heart. He is equally numbered with Christ.

THE NUMBER OF THE NAME OF CHRIST

The name (IHESOUS) JESUS in the Greek has a numerical value of 888. I equals 10; H equals 8; S equals 200; O equals 70; U equals 400; S equals 200; making a total of 888 as the numerical value of the name of Christ. Eight comes from the Hebrew SH'MONEH, from the root SHAH'MEYN, meaning "to make fat" to "cover with fat" to super-abound, Ps. 109:24; plural, fat things, Isa. 25:6; 10:27; and the yoke of Israel is broken because of fatness. It speaks of super-abundant fertility, "oil," etc., Gen. 28:18; spiced oil, i. e. ointment, Ps. 133:2; Prov. 21:17; Isa. 1:6. As seven is the number of completeness, even so eight goes beyond it to add an abundance. Christ arose on the eighth day, or is so reckoned, bringing to earth "the fatness" of the resurrection, life added to a former life. Thank God, in the resurrection we will super-abound with fatness of the heavenly oil of the Spirit of life and of God. If EIGHT as a numerical speaks of "fatness" then 88 would be an establishment and emphasis of "fatness," Gen. 41:32, and 888 would be a further advance and embodiment of that of which eight is significant. In this "fatness" the

Christian shares and is therefore numbered with Christ. Before Christians enter into the number of Christ's riches he is first numbered with transgressors. Isa. 53:12; Luke 22:37.

THE NUMBER 666

Here we are confronted with simply having the numerals, and not the name; and while there are many names catalogued that will yield this number, it does not add light upon who the beast is as yet, but may be a test by which he may be known when he actually appears. However, I think it has a far deeper meaning of something associated with the beast himself, which characterizes his personage, actions and no less the spirit that dominates him.

Certainly 666 is unlike 888 which is the numerical value of the name of Christ. If we begin with six we find it first associated with the creation of man on the sixth day. It is always associated with evil. If five is the number of grace as we have reason to believe, six goes beyond and adds to it; this is exactly what man has always done, he adds to divine things and chooses his own way instead of accepting salvation through grace. However, six stops one short of seven, the number of perfection and completeness. This is again true of man, he either adds to God's ways or oversteps them; but at his best, though he boasts of his science, education and skill and assumes that some day he will arrive at human perfection, it remains that he ever stops short of perfection as indicated by seven, to say nothing of "the fatness" indicated by the new life in Christ Jesus.

Dr. E. W. Bullinger, D.D. points out that in addition to man being created on the sixth day, the serpent was also created on the same day, and that six is the number of man's working days, that the sixth commandment relates to the worst sin," and that the sixth clause in the Lord's prayer also relates to sin. Solomon's temple had six steps (1 Kings 10:19) and his kingdom was soon divided. The twelve loaves of shew bread were divided into two sizes (Lev. 24:6) and

the twelve tribes were divided tribes." Abraham prayed six times for Sodom (Gen. 18), but his prayers fell short of the Divine Intercessor and went unanswered. Jesus was charged with having a devil six times. 1. Mark 3:22; Matt. 12:24, "He hath Beelzebub." 2. John 7:20, "Thou hast a devil." 3. John 8:48, "Say we not well, that * * * thou hast a devil?" 4. John 8:52, "Now we know that thou hast a devil." 5. John 10:20, "He hath a devil and is mad." 6. Luke 11:15, "He casteth out devils as by Beelzebub."

THE SERPENT HAD SIX NAMES

Again Dr. Bullinger calls attention to the fact that the Talmud gives six names as applied to the serpent. 1. Nachash, a shining one (Gen. 3:1; Job 26:13). 2. Ak-shov, "to bend back." "He in wait," translated adder, Ps. 140:3. 3. Ephab, any poisonous serpent; translated adder; also viper, Job 20:16; Isa. 30:6; 59:5. 4. Tsiph-onnee, a small hissing serpent, Isa. 11:8; Prov. 23:32; also translated viper. 5. Tanneen, a great serpent, or dragon, from a root "to stretch out" or "extend," on account of its length, Ex. 7:9, 10, 12. 6. Saraph, from a root meaning, "to burn;" a venomous, deadly serpent, referring to the heat and inflammation caused from its bite, translated serpents, Num. 21:8; Isa. 14:29; 30:6.

THE BEAST HAVING SEVEN HEADS

is but an imitation of God's order of completeness, for while Satan brings forth the seventh and last head of the beastly rule of the earth, he is disclosed and found to be "the man of sin" and that instead of there being a completeness, he is but an imitator, 2 Thess. 2:4, and that instead of him being marked with the number seven, which signifies completeness, he is actually marked with the number six, and is both void and destitute of grace and power to help those whom he has deceived, and is taken and deposited by Christ as an intruder, Rev. 19:20.

THE NUMBERS 666, AND 666

As we have found six associated with evil, both in the creation of man and the serpent, which finally culminates in a trinity of that number within Antichrist, we have just reason to believe that since God has declared it the number of the beast, that it is indicative of evil. My honest opinion is that the number itself is not so much the gematria of the mere name of Antichrist but that it refers particularly to the devilish nature of Satan as incarnate within him. I believe it to be in its depth his spiritual mark and nature, and that all who worship and serve him are thus marked (Eph. 3:2). Antichrist is Satan incarnate, and is the mystery of iniquity, 2 Thess. 2:7. While on the other hand Jesus Christ is the mystery of godliness, or God manifested in the flesh; God incarnate, 1 Tim. 3:16. It is reasonably and logically admitted that the Christian wears the name of Christ. Therefore, antichristians equally wear the name of Antichrist. It is the right to wear the name of Christ that entitles the Christian to His divine na-

ture and to enjoy the "fatness" of the order of the new world through the resurrection; and Antichrist on equal grounds proposes that those alone who are given up to, serve and obey him, are marked for him, who wear both his mark and name, may share of the temporal blessings or riches of this world under the rule of the Antichrist.

CHRISTIANS NEED NOT FEAR SUCH A MARK

There is a gulf separating between the true Christian and the Antichrist nature and actual mark, as broad and deep as that between Dives in Hades and Lazarus in paradise. Signing a mere scrap of paper does not and cannot constitute such a mark, and should the mark be only literal and be forced upon the Christian by powers of violence, it could not mar the holiness and purity of the heart if unwillingly accepted. In Rev. 14:9 it is stated that after the fall of Babylon is announced, an "angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, 'If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation.'" Those who are most susceptible to receive the literal mark, if such is the truth at issue, were already worshippers of the Beast, Rev. 13:4.

In the light of Rev. 14:9-10, to worship the beast and receive his mark, is of God accounted as an unpardonable sin; those so doing are abandoned to the inevitable doom of the age. Such a declaration immediately classifies it as blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, Matt. 12:31. Be it particularly noted that those who worship the beast do align themselves on the side of blasphemy, Rev. 13:6. It is thru the deception of the false prophet, that those who are here in question are themselves marked; therefore, it immediately follows that it is something decidedly different and far reaching in its effects than a literal mark. It will perhaps be both, for the purpose of immediate recognition of the individual; but it cannot exclude the inward marking of the workings of the power of Satan within all those who are actually marked and sealed for him and who will in turn be inspired by the devilish and wilful destructive spirit of Antichrist. The widespread denial of the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, the denial of the Bible as the inspired Word of God, the mockery and rejection of the Holy Spirit, is nothing less than blasphemy by those who are now agents and builders of Antichrist kingdom. This therefore is the vital question at issue, and that which brings from God the penalty of His wrath mentioned in Rev. 14:10.

NOT SECRET ORDERS NOR LABOR UNIONS

So many unlearned and unskilled ministers have labeled secret orders, labor unions and every such thing as the NRA, and in fact, most every move of the government, as the mark of the beast, that

many of God's faithful and loving saints are tormented to unbearable burdens and almost sometimes a form of insanity. While there are widespread signs of Antichrist working through many governments, which tell us that the day of his appearing is not far distant, an effort to locate him and his mark is sadly overdone, and oftentimes to the destruction of the Christian faith. Christians need not fear the outward markings so much. What should be considered most is that your heart is right with God. There can be no danger of receiving the mark of the beast until his world-wide reign is set up, and not then until the individual has become his servant by deception and worship through some form of the workings of the spirit of Antichrist or the false prophet.

SIX, SIXTY-SIX AND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX CONCLUDED.

Dr. Bullinger has said, "If six is the number of secular or human perfection, then sixty-six is a more emphatic expression of the same fact, and six hundred sixty-six is the concentrated expression of it; 666 is therefore the trinity of human perfection, the perfection of imperfection, the culmination of human pride in independence of God and opposition to His Christ." The same author further points out, that 666 was the secret symbol of the ancient pagan mysteries, connected with the worship of the devil. It is today the secret connecting link between those ancient mysteries and their modern revival in spiritualism, theosophy, etc. The efforts of the great enemy are now directed towards uniting all into one great whole. The newspapers, worldly and religious, are full of schemes as to such a union. "Reunion" is in the air. The societies for the reunion of Christendom, and the conferences for the reunion of the churches, are alike parts of the same great movement, and are all making for and are signs of the coming apostasy. During this age, "separation" is God's word for His people, and is the mark of Christ; while "union" and "reunion" is the mark of Antichrist."

He further states that "the duration of the old Assyrian Empire was 666 years before it was conquered by Babylon," and that "Jerusalem was trodden down by the Roman Empire exactly 666 years from the battle of Actium, B.C. 31, to the Saracen conquest in A.D. 636." Thus with these Ancient Empires is coupled the number of 666 years, which is indicative of the continuance of the embodied evils of their reign.

GOLIATH

With Goliath we find certain markings of the number of six and its multiples. His height was six cubits, and his armour consisted of six pieces, his spear head weighed 600 shekels of iron (1 Sam. 17:4-7). Goliath with this armour defied the armies of the living God; in this sense he is typical of Antichrist, who blasphemously God, heaven and the saints that dwell therein, Rev. 13:6. (The Christian's armour consists of seven pieces including prayer, Eph. 6:14-18). The wea-

pons of the Christian are not fleshly (2 Cor. 10:4), therefore, not characterized by six, but by seven, the number of completeness; they "are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" or Satanic principles.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR

Through Nebuchadnezzar Satan tried to set a universal system of apostate religion; this image was also marked with the number six; it was 60 cubits high and six cubits broad, Dan. 3:1. Its base was a multiple of 6x6 and six pieces of music furnished the signal for apostate worship. These are all markings of the number of Antichrist of which Goliath and Nebuchadnezzar are both prototypes. Through Goliath Satan defied the armies of the living God and was bent on destroying them; this will be particularly the attitude of Antichrist. See Dan. 7:21; 8:10-14; 11:30-35; Rev. 13:7. Through Nebuchadnezzar Satan planned the apos-

tasy of the entire human race, including the Jews then in captivity under sentence of death, Dan. 3:6. Antichrist will again attempt such an apostasy, by demanding that all worship him, 2 Thess 2:4; Rev. 13:8, or his image, Rev. 13:15. The defiance of Christianity in all forms will be made by Antichrist, as well as universal attempt of an apostate human religion. Human religion is the workings and reasonings of the flesh versus salvation through blood and faith in Christ. The number of Antichrist is far deeper than simply an outward mark or number; it is an attempt to defy humanity in the person of Antichrist (2 Thess. 2:4), then to have all humanity to worship him, who are in turn marked for him. Such is the spirit of all state religions today, they propose to eliminate the Christian religion and defy humanity; hence the term "human religion."

are certain that He is the same yesterday, today and forever, and when we keep His sayings and are made whole by His virtue, we feel something flowing over our beings that no other part of the gospel brings.

Tithe Paying: This is the part that many of our members would shrink from, and say it is not a New Testament teaching, we know that it was ordained about four hundred years before the law on Sinai. In the 7th chapter of Hebrews we find the writer making reference to Abraham paying tithes to Melchisedec, and that Christ is a priest forever after that order. We call ourselves the children of Abraham, then why not do the things of Abraham? In Matt. 23:23 we find Christ talking to a people that had paid tithes but had left other things undone which He told them they should have done and to pay their tithes too. Today we find many a work that is failing to grow, the church members wonder why they do not shout as they used to, and decide that they have the wrong pastor and they will be sure to change the next year.

Then the next year will be the same. What they need is to be doers of the Word and not hearers only, pay their tithes so the pastor will not have to work all week and preach on Sunday, tired out in body without any chance to rest and study God's Word. Then they will cease to wonder why the shout is gone. Can we be loyal to Christ and to the Church without paying our tithes as well as to do the other things that we are taught? I imagine I hear many say, No.

Another thing we want to speak about is "dressing as becometh holiness." In 1 Peter 3:1-6 we are given instructions on how to dress and it will be well for many that profess to be the children of God to read prayerfully. Women, take thought, do you feel you are loyal to God and His Church when you dress like the world and then profess this wonderful experience? Let us stop and think before it is too late, and take on the whole armor of God and get ready to go with Him to the great marriage of the Lamb. Let us be doers of the Word and not hearers only, that our house will be founded on a rock and the flood of temptations may roar and beat, but thank God, we will be able to ride over the waves to safety. May God bless all who read this, and if we are leaving anything undone, ask God for grace and begin now, for surely He is soon coming to catch His Bride away, and may we be without spot or wrinkle, holy and without blemish and meet Him in the air.

BATTLING IN A NEW FIELD

RICHEY, Miss.—We are in a battle against sin over here at Countspur, twelve miles south of Clarksdale, Miss. Sister Maud Medlin and I are in charge. This is a new field for the Church of God. Only two families have the blessing. Pray that many souls will find the Lord and prepare for the rapture, for surely it will not be long.—Mary L. Tidwell.

Loyalty

By W. COBB DENNARD

Luke 6:46-49.

AND why call ye me, Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say? Who-soever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock; and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great." (1) We want to notice the meaning of the word "loyalty"—the act of being loyal, and the word "loyal" means faithful.

"And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Now what are some of the things that were said? (a) "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." As we know that this was spoken to the disciples and is still spoken to the true ministers of God today to preach or to teach all things taught in God's precious Word, we will begin with repentance. From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," and we are sure that He meant for us to do more than to just say we are sorry for our sins, as some do, and continue in them, but rather that men should forsake their ways and accept Christ precious to their souls. If the ministers of today would preach it in its fullness, I am sure God would begin to move with

the old time power, and souls would be truly converted.

Second, sanctification, following regeneration, and regeneration following true repentance. We will notice sanctification a moment. "Therefore, Jesus, that he might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gates," Heb. 13:12. If Jesus spilled His blood for men to be sanctified and we are commanded to keep all His sayings, we must preach sanctification in its fullness that men can be transformed by the renewing of their minds and that these that are fully sanctified will leave off the old man with his deeds.

Next, we will notice the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Are we commanded to seek and preach the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Luke 24:39 says, "And behold I send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." And knowing that the promise came with Pentecost, not only are we commanded to preach a Pentecostal experience but to tarry until we have the power that comes with it, and without that experience we are not fully qualified to preach and teach the Gospel.

Now we want to take up the part that is so hard to convince the world that God has said we can really do, and that it is a part of the Gospel. Mark 16:18 tells us that one of the signs following believers is that "they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." The 5th chapter of James says, "And if there is any sick among you, let them call for the elders of the church, and they shall pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick." Not once did he say to call the doctor, and after he had given pills let the saints pray. We

The Mysteries of God

By H. V. MILLER

Article Two

"Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness." 1 Tim. 3:16.

To the physical man godliness is a great mystery.

We have pointed out in a foregoing article that the word "mystery" as it is used in the scriptures designates that which is not known by natural comprehension but by revelation.

We know that God is; that He is "the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; that man is a created being; that the destiny of man is not the grave and that to inherit life eternal necessitates redemption, not because these facts are provable in the physical realm but because they have been revealed. Christian evidences do not rest upon human logic. Revelation is a more exalted medium of knowledge than reason inasmuch as reason can only deal with qualities on the material plane while revelation brings those things which are above the material plane within reach of physical understanding. It is not by demonstration but by faith that the whole range of revealed truth is opened to the understanding.

The mystery, or spiritual secret of godliness is the mystery of redemption; for godliness is by way of redemption. "When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Rom. 5:6. To the physical man this is a great mystery. "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." 1 Cor. 1:18.

Redemption is a buying back or a restoration to an original state, a recovery from declension.

According to revelation godliness or God-likeness was an original quality of created humanity. "God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness—so God, created man in His own image—" Gen. 1:26-27. "And God saw everything he had made, and behold, it was very good—" Gen. 1:31. God took pleasure in the work of His hands. No discord marred the harmony of perfect creation and the fellowship and communion between the created and the Creator was a pleasant thing. "Thou hast created all things and for thy pleasure, they are and they were created." Rev. 4:11.

Only six chapters over in the Book of Genesis we have revealed to us a direct reversal of the relationship between God and that which He had made. "It repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth and it grieved him at his heart." Gen. 6:6. What had taken place to bring about the change is revealed in the intervening chapters. We will write of this later under the heading of the "Mystery of Iniquity."

One day as "the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the

day" (Gen. 3:8) came to visit and commune with Adam, he was not to be found. The bond of perfect fellowship had been broken by the transgression of the man and he had hid himself from the presence of God, estranged to Him by a knowledge of sin and a sense of guilt. He had exchanged innocence for an experimental knowledge of good and evil and forfeited his oneness with God. The harmony of fellowship was broken and a tormenting consciousness of evil took its place, driving him to an avoidance of divine presence.

Ever since sinning men have been hiding themselves from the presence of God, made strangers to Him by their own sin. "God hath made men upright, but they have sought out many inventions (or devices of evil)." Eccl. 7:29.

Redemption provides forgiveness of sins, cleansing from sin and the embodiment of power to overcome temptation to sin. Redemption thus banishes the sense of guilt, restores experimental innocence, and renews fellowship with God. Atonement reestablishes oneness between God and man, reconciling every difference and once more making them at one. Col. 1:19-20.

The process or manner of redemption is a great mystery to natural man. Restoration to godliness is by way of rebirth. This was a mystery to even as learned a man as Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. Nicodemus was religious but ignorant of rebirth. Jesus said to him, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. Nicodemus replied, "How can a man be born when he is old?" John 3:4. He failed to discern the mystery of regeneration.

The manner of spiritual generation is incomprehensible to earthly men. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, thou hearest the sound thereof and canst not tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth, so is every one that is born of the spirit." John 3:8. The actuality of spiritual birth however, is as evident as the actuality of physical birth. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." John 3:6. By physical generation and birth man bears the image and nature of Adam. By spiritual generation and second birth he bears the image and nature of God. "That was not first which is spiritual but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also which are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." 1 Cor. 15:45-49.

"Without controversy great is the mystery of godliness." 1 Tim. 3:15.

The effects of redemption are also a great mystery to the unredeemed. "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away and behold all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17. The foundational facts of this Word are far above the thoughts of those who have been born but once. Old things gone—all things new! The change in nature, character, principles, aims, manner of life and activity of the regenerated is a great mystery to the ungodly. "They think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you." 1 Pet. 4:4. They simply cannot comprehend why the Christian chooses to walk the narrow way.

There is that among the once born to which the name of conversion has been attached—a mere mental assent to the tenets of Christian faith. With a conversion such as this, thousands have embraced and confessed the Christian faith, but in so embracing it and confessing it they have remained the same unregenerated, earthy individuals as before their confession. It is said that Augustine about 400 A. D. baptized 10,000 in a single day. Charlemagne 'converted' a whole nation of the Slavonians to the Christian faith by a single military battle in the 8th Century. This same emperor thought it was his duty to spread the Christian faith by force if it could not be done in a gentler way, a method used often and at times exclusively by those in authority in centuries past. When he had conquered the Saxons in Germany he compelled them to be baptized and to pay tithes to the Church, thus making 'Christians' of them. In 988 A. D. Vladimir the prince converted all Russia to the Christian faith by mere proclamation. Constantine, about 323 A.D. had been responsible for the commencement of a similar 'conversion' of the whole Roman world. Such methods have indeed increased the number of those who call themselves Christians, making the Church rich, proud and popular, but this exultation in earthly glory has been to the diminishing of her heavenly glory. "Thou sayest, I am rich and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment—that thy shame do not appear." Rev. 3:17, 18.

The regenerated are sons of God by second birth. "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." 1 John 3:1. "As many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, * * * which are born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." Jno. 1:12, 13. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God—for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." "They that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit." "Ye are not

in the flesh, but in the Spirit." Rom. 8: 14, 2, 9. "Being born again not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible."

Adam has his seed or descendants. Likewise, by the miracle of rebirth, so has Christ. Calvary cut Christ off from among the mortally alive but by His very death there has been begotten for him a generation of descendants. Thus it had been revealed to the prophets, "A seed shall serve him, it shall be accounted unto the Lord for a generation," Psalms 22:30, and "He was cut off out of the land of the living, for the transgression of my people was he stricken, — when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days." Isa. 53:8, 10.

"We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels (like unto man) for the suffering of death (Heb. 2:9) and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (Phil. 2:8); that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man (Heb. 2:9) and having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself." (Col. 1:20). "For it became him for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons into glory, to make the captain (Syraic, prince) of their salvation perfect through suffering." (Heb. 2:10). "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14, "Now once in the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

This spiritual secret of redemption, the mystery of godliness, restored to the image of God through the blood of the atonement; is now being heralded throughout the earth in the preaching of the gospel. By the express command of God it is being preached to all men. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. To some its sound is meaningless and its glory is hid. To others it is the sweet sound of reconciliation and deliverance from sin. Those who will not receive it are those who are lost. 2 Cor. 4:3. "If our gospel be hid it is hid to them that are lost." Such as gladly respond to the word of reconciliation are forever set apart as the heritage of the Lord and are "accounted unto the Lord for a generation." Psalm 22:30. "Know ye that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself." Ps. 4:3.

A ruler once came to Jesus by night,
To ask Him the way of salvation and light—
The Master made answer in words true and plain,
Ye must be born again.

Ye children of men attend to the word,
So solemnly uttered by Jesus the Lord—
And let not this message to you be in vain,
"Ye must be born again."

Oh, ye who would enter the glorious rest,
And sing with the ransomed the songs of the blest

The life everlasting if you would obtain
Ye must be born again.

Ye must be born again,
Ye must be born again;
I verily, verily, say unto you,

Ye must be born again.

—Song.

"Without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness." God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." 1 Tim. 3:15.



In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

As this will be the last issue that we will have an opportunity to make an appeal to our people, until the Assembly, we are hereby giving you some of the opportunities that we have for mission work.

Our work in Old Mexico is opening up from every angle. We still owe a small payment on the building at Nogales. The one in charge there is a very fine worker and by all means he must be supported in this work that will mean so much to the Mexican people. The work in Ciudad, Obregon where Sister Atkinson is engaged is getting along fine. There are open doors that it would not do to neglect.

We have just had a letter from Rev. John A. Harris, who is a Russian and preaches in three different languages. He is indeed an accomplished worker. If we could only get him located in Canada it would open up a field of work for him and would not only reach the Canadian people but in all probability his own native home. I am giving you a paragraph of his letter which will speak for itself:

"I wrote to the people in Canada that in the last days of September I would be there. I have letters from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. There are about three hundred thousand of my people that are dying in sin, waiting for salvation. I preach several languages and have seventeen years' experience in this line. I have also people in Poland, France, Argentina, and other countries that are calling me to go there—Russian, Polish, and Ukrainian people. I can translate your literature upon my language, and send it all over the world to my people. I am a worker in helping you build the Church of God."

This shows that this man has had quite a range of work in different countries. It looks as though it would be a pity to fail to send him with the message of the Church to his people.

We also have a work now in Haiti with Brother J. Vital Herne in charge. We have been corresponding with him for several months. He was once a Catholic priest. After being converted to Christianity and receiving the Holy Ghost he joined the Pentecostal Holiness people. He is asking us for a very small

amount of help and has a well established work in Haiti. He has just closed a wonderful revival. We accepted his ordination as a bishop until such a time as might be possible for some of our bishops to visit Haiti. The work indeed is opening up in foreign countries without much effort on our part but if we had a few thousand dollars now to put into these fields, what a harvest the Church could reap.

The following is a letter from Brother Herne: "I received the certificate of my ordination and it was publicly read by the scribe of the assembly. This news giveth great joy to the brethren because they know the work is now very solid according with the Haitian law, and considering our preaching of the Gospel by the Holy Ghost they persecute us sometimes. Last year after several plain air meetings the minister of Interior sent for me. What I went I explained the Gospel and all prejudices were gone and now the church is working and nothing will deprive us from the fellowship of our Great Body.

"The financial depression is growing in Haiti and we are few in number. Those who work find jobs of very little salary so the tithes report is a very small amount and we pray you to do your best to help sustain this work in Haiti though the help be small. If we could get the rent of the mission house paid it would be of much assistance to us, and in the near future the Lord will open the door to us and we will be glad to assist the other missions.

"It is impossible for me personally to find a job. Here they first give to the Roman Catholic. My dear wife is a flower-maker but what she does is not enough to care for the family, and with the gifts of the saints, here, pay the rent of the mission house.

"The saints send greetings in Jesus' name.—J. Vital Herne."

You can see from this letter that the church in Haiti is established. We pray that God will touch the hearts of those who are able to contribute to this noble work. Hoping to see you at the Assembly, I am yours very truly, S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

DRINKING AT THE FOUNTAIN OF GOD

BECKLEY, W. Va.—On February, 26, 1933 we set a Church of God in order with sixty-two members. God has been blessing here at this place until we have eighty-one members here now.

On June 16th our pastor, Brother H. S. Smith, brought his tent to Beckley and started a revival and the Lord is blessing wonderfully. Some are being saved most every night, six have been sanctified and about the same number filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. We have about thirty at the altar each night now seeking to have more precious power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has promised His dear children many blessings and different gifts if they will only humble themselves and come on their knees in the child-like way, willing to go all the way with our Savior.

Brother Smith is preaching God-sent sermons delivered under the power of the Holy Ghost. At times the Spirit starts preaching for him as soon as he enters the pulpit and does not allow him time to even read his text. The public is crowding the tent every night to hear the wonderful truths that are being brought out, and God's holy plan of salvation is being brought to the light of God's creation.

We are expecting a large addition to the church here when this revival is closed. We feel that all the members will be in the best condition spiritually, for they have been enjoying themselves drinking at the fountain of God. Please pray for us here that the Lord may save many souls and that many may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. Pray for the work that is going on in Beckley, W. Va.—Your brother in Christ, R. H. McKinney, clerk.

PEOPLE LOOKING TOWARD THE CHURCH

We closed our meeting here last night. We have had a very successful meeting. Many of the saints that had grown cold prayed thru to victory and some sinners prayed through. We had nineteen saved, twelve sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting closed with good interest. Many were under conviction. Brother Meyers preached for us a wonderful sermon last night. It was food to our souls. I request that the saints pray for the church here at Alcoa, Tenn. that it may prosper and grow. More people are looking toward the church here than ever before. They have begun to see the real Church and are becoming more interested.

I had opposed the way, but one night when I was under conviction, a message and interpretation was given and I felt it was for me and that this would be my last chance to heed the voice of God, so I accepted it and thank God today that I did. Pray for me that I will stay humble and true to the Lord so that He can use me. — Jeff M. Dale, Alcoa, Tenn.

The Wonderful Christ

R. A. Haddon, D.D.

"His name shall be called wonderful" (Isa. 9:6).

INTRODUCTION:

1. **A Sentence from a Prophetic Passage:** Begins with Isaiah 7:10-14, concludes with Isaiah 9:6, 7.
2. **Begins with the Promise of Virgin Birth:** Concludes with the Prophecy of His Glory: Compare First Peter 1:10-12.
3. **The Text Itself:** Proclaims the Humanity of Messiah: "A Child born" (Luke 2:11).
4. **The Text Reveals the Deity of Christ:** "A Son given" (John 3:16).
5. **The Passage Exhibits a Marvelous Cluster of Divine Names:** Five Names Here. We select one Name for our study: the Name "WONDERFUL."
6. **Remember:** In the Old Testament, names are THINGS. Vehicles of Divine Revelation, Manifestation, Ministration and Characterization. The facts will be seen in the analysis.

I. CHRIST: IS WONDERFUL IN HIS NAMES. (Unique, Distinct from all Others.)

1. Their Wondrous Number.

Christ Possesses 365 Names and Titles; a Name for each day.

2. Their Wondrous Variety.

- (1) Some Emphasize and Describe His Wondrous Deity.

In those Names, we see His Wondrous Attributes, Perfections, Glories.

- (2) Others Emphasize and Describe His Wondrous Humanity. In these Names we see His Perfect, Impeccable Manhood. The Infinite Son of God is also the incomparable Man. He alone is the Incarnate God-man.

3. Their Wondrous Fitness.

Human names do not describe the Person, Character, Ability of Men. Christ's Names are Becoming, Appropriate, Proper, Adequate, Correct, Ideal.

4. Their Wondrous Value.

His Name is Mighty, Productive, Effective, Omnipotent, Produces Infinite, Blessed, Immediate, Eternal Results. To Illustrate:

- (1) Salvation (Acts 4:12).
- (2) Sonship (John 1:12).
- (3) Strength (Acts 3:6).
- (4) Security (Prov. 18:10).
- (5) Supplication (John 16:24).
- (6) Service (Luke 10:17).
- (7) Subjugation (Phil. 2:9-11).

II. CHRIST: IS WONDERFUL IN HIS NATURE. (Unique, Distinct from all Others.)

1. **The Wondrous Human:** He was a Real Man (1 Tim. 2:5; 3:16).

2. **The Wondrous God:** He was God (John 1:1-3, 14, 18; 20:31).

3. **The Wondrous Coalescence:** Two Natures United and Blended in One Personality.

This Blending of the Infinite with the Finite: Inexplicable, Indescribable but Marvelously illustrated in the Inspired Volume.

The Creator became a Creature: Lawgiver, a Subject; Ancient of days, a Babe; King of Glory, Stood before Pilate; Worshiped by Angels, Smitten by Men; Sat upon Eternal Throne, Crucified on a Cross; Beloved of Father, Hated by Sinners; Able to Feed Humanity, Himself Hungered; Quenched Man's Thirst, Himself Thirsted; Offered Rest, Himself Worn; Proffered Life to Man, Himself Died. How Wonderful!

III. CHRIST: WONDROUS IN HIS CHARACTER. (Unique, Distinct from all Others.)

1. **His Wondrous Holiness** (Luke 1:35; Acts 3:14; Heb. 7:25, 26; 5:9;

Matt. 27:4; John 18:38). No Sin, Stain, Selfishness. Others Fail; He was Faultless and Flawless.

2. His Wondrous Love (Gal. 2:20 Eph. 3:19; 5:2: 5:25).
3. His Wondrous Grace (2 Cor. 8:9; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 16:20).
4. His Wondrous Compassion (Luke 7:13; Luke 10:33; John 11:35, 36.)
5. His Wondrous Meekness (Matt. 11:29; 21:5; 2 Cor. 10:1).
6. His Wondrous Obedience (Phil. 2:8; Heb. 5:8).
7. His Wondrous Faithfulness (Heb. 2:17; 3:1, 2; 1 Thess. 5:24; 2 Thess 3:3).

IV. CHRIST: WONDROUS IN HIS WORK.

(Unique, Distinct from all Others.)

1. His Wondrous Ministry (Acts 10:38; John 7:46; 1:17).
2. His Wondrous Passion (1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Peter 2:24; Rom. 5:6-9).
3. His Wondrous Resurrection (1 Cor. 15:4, 20; Acts 2:24).
4. His Wondrous Ascension (Acts 1:9; 2:33; Phil. 2:9).
5. His Wondrous Power (Eph. 3:20, 21).
6. His Wondrous Salvation (1 Tim. 1:15; Eph. 2:8-10).
7. His Wondrous Preservation (Rom. 8:31-39; Phil. 1:6; 2 Tim. 1:12).

V. CHRIST: WONDROUS IN HIS WORD.

(Unique, Differs from all Others.)

1. His Wondrous Promises: Some State, 33,000 Promises in the Bible.
2. His Wondrous Invitation: 1942 "Comes" in the Bible; 632 are Personal Invitations to the Sons of Men.
3. His Wondrous Reception: None cast out (John 6:37).
4. His Wondrous Blessing (Rom. 8:32; Eph. 1:3; 1:13).

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NOTICES

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and go forward. I am praying for each of you. May God bless all. Please remember me in prayer, and Y. P. E. presidents, please send a report in to us as soon as possible, if you don't have but 1c offering. I would like to know how your Endeavor is getting along.—Your brother in Christ, F. M. Johnson, district superintendent.

Just a few lines to let our people know there is a man going from place to place in South Carolina claiming he is a member of the Church of God and trying to get all the money he can. He came to the church at Anderson while I was in North Carolina in a revival. He went to the brother I had left in charge and said he was a member of Brother Tharp's church in Greenville and was on his way to see his mother who had been run over by a truck and he wanted a little help to get there. Thru sympathy the brother wrote an order to the clerk for \$3.00 and before he got to the clerk he changed the \$3.00 to \$8.00. Then he went to Belton church and told them he was a member of Brother Cooper's church and tried to get some money there, but Brother Hanvey knew what had happened here and didn't let him have it. He tried to get him in his car to come to Anderson but he would not go and before he could find out much about him he left town, so be on the lookout for him. If you find him, let me know. He is about nineteen years of age and said his name was Floyd Prince.—Geo. W. Cooper, pastor, 419 Jefferson Ave., Anderson, S. C.

As there has been a demand for many of the special songs I sing, we have prepared a song book containing fifty of our special songs. It will be at the bookstand during the Assembly. Don't forget to look it over. Price 25c.—R. L. Rexrode.

CORRECTION:—In my testimony in Sept. 9th issue of the Evangel I said I chopped my finger off. I did not intend to say that I chopped it off but chopped it half way. Anyway it was cut badly and I thank the Lord for healing it. I also thank Him for healing my foot for which I asked prayer, and for healing my body.—Your sister in Christ, Lucy C. Ries, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Church of God at Jacksonville, Fla. will have home coming the first Sunday in October. We are expecting a great day and hope to have several visiting preachers and members from over the district. All members of this church are urgently requested to be present and bring a liberal offering for the new church building. Those who can't attend, please write a short testimony and send an offering if possible. Let every one who attends bring an offering whether it be much or little. A revival is now on under the big new tent. Pray for us.—Your brother, U. D. Tidwell, pastor.

I would like to go to the General Assembly with some man and his wife or some sister who is going who will pass thru Stroud, Okla. Stroud is located on Highway 66 which is paved. If any one from any of the churches here in Oklahoma or New Mexico is going, and I

could go with them there and back, please let me hear from you at once.—Mrs. Ralph Sweet, Rt. 4, Stroud, Okla.

DEATH NOTICES

RHODEN

Colleen Rhoden, little daughter of Bro. and Sister C. A. Rhoden, died Sept. 6, 1933, age four years, ten months, and nineteen days. Funeral was conducted by the writer, interment in Mt. Olive cemetery near Live Oak, Fla.—E. E. Coleman, Branford, Fla.

WHITMAN

Sister Eliza Whitman was born 1898, being thirty-five years old at the time of her death. She had the Holy Ghost and belonged to the Church of God. Funeral was conducted at Chapmansville, W. Va. by the writer.—G. H. Brewster.

LEDSTER

Samuel B. Ledster died Aug. 18, 1933 at the age of seventy-four years. He was a loyal member of the Church of God. Funeral was conducted by Brother Carl C. Cook, interment in Perry Mount cemetery.—W. H. Barnard, Pontiac, Mich.

LABORING FOR SOULS

THOMASTON, Ga.—After closing a revival in Pitts, Georgia we went to Fitzgerald and began firing on the devil (where Brother Cobb Dennard is pastor). Much good was accomplished, and it was a pleasure to be in a revival with a leader such as Brother Dennard. Ten received the Holy Ghost, several were saved and sanctified and five were added to the church. We met some of the best people there I believe I ever saw. Brother and Sister Dennard certainly have the work in Fitzgerald on their hearts. In spite of all the hard time cry they almost live in their car, taking care of the church work and visiting the people.

We found there one of the finest Sunday Schools I have ever seen. We closed the revival in time for the South Georgia camp meeting. I never visited a camp meeting where there was such unity among the pastors before. Sister Zimmerlin, my pianist, and I were soon made to feel at home. The people were real nice to us. Brother R. P. Johnson, who had charge of the camp meeting, was at his best.

We are now at Thomaston in a revival; have been here only three nights but the altar has been full each night. Brother J. W. Sullivan is pastor; he has a good work here. It looks as tho the Lord will give us a real revival. We ask all to pray to that end. This is our last appointment before the Assembly. If there are any pastors in North Georgia desiring help, and if you would be interested, write me at 334 Barnsville, St., Thomaston, Ga.—Amelia Shumaker.

SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

JASONVILLE, Ind.—July 31 we began a revival under a brush arbor in Jasonville, Ind. The services continued about five and one half weeks. Many souls prayed thru to victory, we don't know how many. The church gained many new friends here. Brother Fred Puckett and the writer did the preaching. Brother Floyd Standifer had charge of the singing, with Lucille Standifer and Forrest Burns at the piano. It was estimated that some nights fifteen hundred people were present. On Sept. 7th I set a church in order with fourteen new members. Brother Puckett said he knew of five more who couldn't be there that night who will come in later. Some told me they were going to move their membership from other churches here. We were fortunate in renting a church building from the Presbyterian people. Please pray for the work in general in Indiana. —C. H. Standifer, overseer.

JASPER, Fla.—Pray for the revival at Jasper. My husband has preached eleven nights out here from White Springs, Fla. Eleven have received the Holy Ghost already. A few have been saved and a few sanctified. Our district overseer, Brother Floyd O'Bannon, was with us and preached one night. Pray for us to win souls. —Mrs. C. M. Phillips, Rt. 2, Box 95.

WAR, W. Va.—On Aug. 8 Brother Solomon Scalf of War wanted me to begin a revival here. At his request we started a battle. The enemy fought from the very beginning but Daniel said, "If it be so our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand," and truly we can say with Daniel, "The God that is able to deliver from the fiery furnace is able to deliver in every conflict with the devil." The meeting continued four weeks. Seven were saved, four sanctified, and seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, for which we give God the glory. I want to be a blessing wherever I go. I earnestly request prayer. I owe some few debts that I would like to be able to meet so remember me in prayer. —Your brother, Carl C. Campbell.

DOUBLE SPRINGS, Ala.—Our hearts go out in thankfulness to God for sending Brother and Sister Raynor this way. We feel like they have been a blessing to the church here. He began a revival here Aug. 15 and the first night the glory and victory came down and we had a real old time, Pentecostal revival. Three received the Holy Ghost, five were sanctified, and two came into the church. We praise the Lord for victory. —Thearman Pearson.

JAMBOREE, Ky.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival at Jamboree with good success. The devil fought about as

hard as I ever saw but the saints held on to the Lord and He sent message after message to the sinners and brought them to the altar of prayer. About sixteen or seventeen were saved, eight sanctified and ten filled with the Holy Ghost, among this number was an old lady—ninety-three years old.

We also recently closed a three weeks' meeting at Steel, Ky. and it was a success too. Everybody pray for me.—Your servant, Jesse Sutherland, Nigh Ky.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—We were expecting Brother Nelson to hold us a revival but he was hindered. We called on our pastor to conduct the revival and it was more than successful. On the opening night twelve were saved, three sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival began Aug. 27 and ran two weeks. The power fell in almost every service. Thirty were saved, twenty-eight sanctified, eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-two added to the church, and nineteen baptized in water. We can't tell it all but it was more than wonderful. We appreciate our pastor, Brother G. C. Hamby. Pray for the work here, that the Lord will continue to bless.—A sister, Mrs. Ethel Barefoot.

RULEVILLE, Miss.—We are shouting the victory over here just now. I have just set a church in order in Sunflower county, near Doddsville, with thirteen members, seven of them saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fourteen baptized in water. Horace Bugg is clerk. We have named the church Good Hope. The country is stirred and looking this way.—Your brother in Christ, G. W. Hall, pastor.

CLEVELAND, Miss.—On July 30 a meeting began at Joseph Chapel with Brother A. V. Beabe and wife in charge. The Lord blessed in different ways. Oh how we would rejoice when the shower of blessings would fall. The first Saturday night about thirty were in the altar crying for mercy. On the second Sunday night a power wave came and some who had not felt the power in years were made to rejoice. Six received the Holy Ghost in that service. Eight received the blessing during the meeting. A number were saved and sanctified. We all feel closer to the Lord and more determined to follow Him. We were delighted to have Brother Tillson of Etowah, Tenn. with us. Several visiting preachers came in to help boost things. Pray much for us.—Mrs. Ogar Hutchison.

McCALL CREEK, Miss.—We praise the Lord for the revival recently closed here, conducted by Brother R. W. Fowler, which ran two weeks. Brother Fowler gave out some wonderful messages and labored hard for lost souls. No one pray-

ed thru to victory but the seed were sown and we are looking for a harvest. Some good blessings rained down on the saints and caused our hearts to knit close together in love, unity and truth. Some woke up to the reality of God's great plan of salvation and came to the altar. I thank the Lord for the work done here by Brother Fowler. The revival closed with quite a number in the altar. Pray that these may receive the full blessing and that our church will rise and shine.—A humble sister in Christ, Mrs. Edd Dungan.

BANCROFT TABERNACLE, Tenn.—A wonderful revival was held at the Boys' Orphanage Farm in behalf of Bancroft church. It ran nine weeks and it seemed hard to close it when we did. Each night we could say it was good to be there. God was in our midst. Saints would fall prostrate under the power of God and many messages were given in tongues. Brother C. R. Curtis was in charge the first six weeks. He did some fine preaching. Four received the Holy Ghost and nine were baptized in water. Then "Happy" Tom Brooks came to help us. His messages were enjoyed. Large crowds attended every night. Our Sunday School has grown from sixty to two hundred nineteen. We surely appreciate the untiring efforts of our dear pastor, Brother Theodore Murray. We feel much good has been done but a great harvest is yet to be reaped. During the last part of the meeting four received the Holy Ghost and Brother Brooks baptized six in water. They are planning to build a new church on the Boys' Farm soon. Pray much that God will undertake.—Yours in the Master's service, Ida Scoggins.

BABSON PARK, Fla.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here. We are thankful for our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Hall. They have been thru some hard trials and tests here at Frostproof. Our church was weak and we few saints began to pray, and praise God, a revival started last night. We had regular service and God began to pour down the power. Brother Will Austin is conducting the revival. Pray that God will stir up this town and save sinners. We want God to have His way.—Your sister, Inez Beasley.

PIKEVILLE, Ala.—The work has moved along fine here this year with Brother W. H. Preston pastor. We started a revival here the first Sunday in August with our pastor in charge. He preached the Word in purity and God blessed. Five received the Holy Ghost, two were reclaimed, one sanctified, two saved, and eight added to the church. The services closed with several in the altar. Brother J. M. Hartline has started a revival at this place. I hope the Lord will still bless. Pray for the work here.—Elias Bellomy, clerk, Rt. 1, Scottsboro, Ala.

THORNTON, Ky.—We have just closed a two weeks' meeting in which the Lord wonderfully blessed. Twenty were saved,

fifteen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water and fourteen added to the church. The church was set in order here a year ago last July with eleven members. We now have twenty-five. The Lord is working here. Pray that He will continue to bless and give us souls for our labor.—Your brother in the Master's service, T. M. Basham, pastor.

COLUMBUS, Ga.—We have just closed a good revival here with Sister Amelia Shumaker in charge. She did some wonderful preaching. The saints were revived. Five were saved and one sanctified. Sister Zimmerlin sang some good specials with her guitar accompaniment and was at her best at the piano. She was also a blessing to the Sunday School and the Y. P. E. We are expecting to have them with us for another year. They will be in Alabama for a few weeks' revival before the Assembly. Saints, pray for us here in Columbus that we may shine for the Lord.—Your sister, Mrs. J. H. Ming, clerk.

CONVENTION IN JAMAICA

The annual convention of the Church of God in Jamaica convened in Kingston Aug. 31-Sept. 1. This convention was a wonderful success although some of the ministers and many of the laymen were unable to attend. Nevertheless the Lord was there which made this a wonderful gathering, and we believe much and lasting good was accomplished. Many were blessed and some saw the truth as never before. Please pray for the work in Jamaica.—Z. R. Thomas, overseer.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—We are in a good revival here. God is blessing, interest is great, and altar crowded with seekers. Pray that God will give us a great harvest of souls.—W. T. Nelson, pastor.

UNION GROVE, Ga.—We truly praise God for victory at the Church of God at Union Grove, seven miles southwest of Tifton, Ga. The Lord is wonderfully blessing. Brother Abbott and family passed this way and ran a few days' meeting. Brother Abbott's little ten year old girl did the preaching. We feel that she was a great blessing to our young people. The Lord wonderfully blessed in the altar service every night. The altar was full and many crying and praying for God's mercy. Brother Abbott and wife made music for us and the people enjoyed it. They are pitching their tent at Tifton. Pray that God will bless and save many souls for we want a church at Tifton.—A brother in Christ, C. M. Pitts, Lenox, Ga., Rt. 2.

CORAY, Miss.—Brother William Roberson has just closed a meeting at this place. In my opinion he is a man of God. He did some able preaching and pled with the people to accept God. I believe he is in the work with all his soul, mind and strength. We thank God for sending a man like him this way. He is coming back to be with us again, D.V. Pray much

for this place. It is a logging camp and is full of sin.—A. S. Young.

ANDERSON, S. C.—We praise our Redeemer for the way He blessed here yesterday at our Mission Rally. We were favored with having our beloved missionary, Brother W. E. Raney, with us for a talk on missions, and in the very beginning it seemed that all heaven looked this way. My, what a time we had! Bro. Raney would talk a while and then cry a while, while others would shout God's praise for men who were willing to leave all behind and go to another people of a different nationality. After hearing the message we realized how little we had done for the lost but by His help we will be greater missionaries from now on. An offering was taken which amounted to \$26.35. Brother Raney is doing a great work in South Carolina in these mission rallies. We had with us the South Carolina quartet and they have an invitation back. Let us do more for missions.—Geo. W. Cooper, pastor, 419 Jefferson Ave.

CLOSPINT, Ky.—We have just closed a successful revival at the Church of God at Closplint. Fourteen prayed thru to victory and the church seemed to be very much encouraged to go on. We are now at Virda, Ky. to start a revival in the new church house. Brother J. C. Jernigan dedicated it to God Sunday Sept. 17 and the glory of God came down in a wonderful way and blessed many souls.—B. H. Enix.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—On Sunday, Sept. 17, the Church of God in North and South St. Joseph met in a home coming and missionary day. We had all day meeting. After a good Sunday School Brother Bates brought a good message and an offering was taken for missions. Then we all enjoyed a good dinner. Brother Clarence Barker took charge in the afternoon and we all feasted on the good things of God. He gave us a wonderful message. Every one enjoyed the good testimonies and good music and songs furnished by the young people. In the evening we had Y. P. E. and all enjoyed it. It was a wonderful day, there was shouting, dancing and weeping for joy. Brother Matt Durlin brought the evening message. Another offering was taken for missions.—Yours truly, Myrtle Luke, clerk.

WAR BRANCH, Ky.—We began a revival here Sept. 2 with Waldon Asher and I in charge. Everything looked dark but we held on to the Lord. In four or five services the iceberg was broken and the drunken and disturbers became quiet. The revival ran two weeks. Five were saved, two baptized in water, two sanctified, and six added to the church. Several were renewed in spirit. Many good messages and interpretations were given out. The Lord's Supper and feet washing were observed Sunday night, the 17th. We are encouraged to fight the battle stronger. Pray for the Church of God at War Branch.—Humbly, B. G. Asher, pastor.

WILLS POINT, Tex.—We praise the Lord for the two weeks' revival which closed Sunday night, Sept. 10, conducted by Brother and Sister Roy G. Cockerell. Sister Cockerell delivered some wonderful messages. Sister Etta Rae Woodall had charge of the singing. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Two were saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water, and two added to the church. Many are interested who have never been interested before. We are expecting greater things from the Lord in the near future. Pray for the church here.—Mary J. Burnett.

WILCOE, W. Va.—We are now in a revival at Wilcoe with Brother H. E. Ramsey doing the preaching. This is the second night. Everything is looking good for a revival. We had about ten at the altar and one was saved.—Faithfully, A. J. Cox, pastor.

EXCAVATED EVIDENCE

It has been some months now since Mr. Woolley gave the interesting results of his exploration at Ur of the Chaldees. We recur to them again because we came across a statement by Dr. T. T. Shields of America, putting the results of Mr. Woolley's work so clearly that the simplest can understand. Dr. Shields says:

"I published a few weeks ago a communication that Dr. Stockley had brought from the Old Country a most interesting document. You remember hearing of Mr. Woolley, leader of the archaeological exploration at Ur of the Chaldees. There was a time when the critics said that Moses could not possibly have written the Pentateuch, because in Moses' day writing was unknown! Great scholars, were they not! When they said that, there were a lot of preachers who said, 'Oh, I shall have to change my views.' But now the spade of the excavator has gone down, and they have discovered the very city in which Abraham lived. Mr. Woolley said that the streets of Ur of the Chaldees were comparable to Regent Street and Bond Street in London. The city had been buried for centuries. When they had got down to the foundations, and below to the solid clay beneath the foundations, the diggers said there was no use digging any further. But Mr. Woolley insisted they should dig deeper. So they went down through eight feet of solid clay, and underneath it they came upon another city; they uncovered a city of Noah's day. Mr. Woolley had not believed in the Flood, but, scientist as he was, when he saw there before his eyes, right under the foundations of a great city, down under a solid bed of water-laid clay, another city buried, he said that nothing but a mighty deluge could ever have done it."—The Elim Evangel.

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.—Titus 2:13.

❖ Sunday School Lesson ❖

Lesson 2—October 8

SAUL IN DAMASCUS

Text: Acts 9:1-12, 17-19.

Memory Verse: 1 John 4:19.

Time: Probably 34 A. D.

Place: Damascus.

Golden Text: Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.—2 Cor. 5:17.

Leading Thought: God always sheds light on the paths of those who are honestly pursuing their convictions.

CONVERSION OF SAUL

Acts 9:1-12

V. 1. "And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord." Unlike David who said my soul panteth after the Lord, Saul was actually panting and thirsting after the slaughter of the Christians, who per-actually persecuting the glorious and haps vexed by the very thought and fact that the more they were persecuted the more they were taking root in different places. "Went unto the high priest." Possibly the same high priest mentioned in Acts 7:1. And if the year of Saul's conversion was A. D. 35 Calaphas was high priest. But if his conversion dated A.D. 37 set to Saul who had both despised Him and then the high priest was Theophilus, the son of Annas.

V. 2. "And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues." The authority of the high priest and the Sanhedrin court yoke and especially the sharp pointed rod naturally extended over all the synagogues of the Jews. Damascus was the oldest city jaggling with the pointed rod. God does not in the world. It was one hundred and thirty-six miles from Jerusalem, a six days' journey. "That if he found any of this way." "So the early Christians called to force us onward." The term may have arisen from 'the way of the Lord' of Isaiah (40:3), or from the 'I am the Way' of Jesus (John 14:6). In either case it is signified that they claimed to have found a new and living way to God; and further, that they had grasped the practical side of the gospel, that it was something more than a creed.—Dean William Mordaunt. "Whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem." Both men and women were abased in chains, thus degrading them to that of ordinary criminals. Such a distance by foot would be very hard on the women but would have gratified Saul's hardened heart.

V. 3. "And as he journeyed." Perhaps he had a train of companions or associates with baggage loaded on donkeys, they themselves walking afoot. "He came near Damascus." It was about mid-day, 26:13. And ordinarily travelers because of the intense heat would have pitched their tents for rest, yet the impertinent zeal of Saul forced him onward after the Christians. "And suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven." This light, to be a variance, however, the men with

Paul tells us in Acts 26:13, was above the brightness of the sun. One here might get a glimpse of the effulgent greatness of the ineffable glory of Christ.

SAUL AND THE PRICKS

V. 4. "And he fell to the earth." Possibly infers that he was either mounted and fell from his beast or if on foot actually fell prostrate. "And heard a voice saying unto him, 'Saul, Saul.'" This, we are told, was in the Hebrew tongue and was twice repeated as was characteristic of Christ—"Simon, Simon; Martha, Martha; Jerusalem, Jerusalem; Abraham, Abraham," see Gen. 22:11; 1 Sam. 3:10; Matt. 23:27; Luke 22:31. "Why persecutest thou me?" Christ here identifies Himself with His followers, as in rejecting them those so doing rejected Him, Luke 10:16, or whoever ministered unto His followers likewise blessed Him, Matt. 25:34, 45. Saul did not know that in persecuting the Christians he was actually persecuting the glorious and majestic all-powerful Christ.

V. 5. "And he said, Who art thou, Saul immediately recognized the voice of the Heavenly Speaker. "And the Lord said, I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest." Acts 22:8, "I am Jesus of Nazareth." This humble name was a kind of off-putting to Saul who had both despised Him and His humble followers. "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." The rendering would be literally "the ox goads." The thought is of the young ox that shirks the yoke and especially the sharp pointed rod used to urge it forward by pricking, or the pointed rod. God does not use such. He did use the Egyptians to rush the children of Israel forward across the Red Sea and He uses varied chastisements to force us onward.

V. 6. "And he, trembling and astonished, said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The sudden revelation of Christ had called Saul subduing rectly thru the Lord said unto him, Arise." This is the first word spoken to any convert—Arise from our sins, our weakness and despair, into His righteousness, strength and victory. "And go into the city." Christ does not prevent his going to Damascus. He has, however, greatly changed both his appearance and purpose of his mission. "And it shall be told thee what thou must do? Men cannot do as they please, God's children can neither be persecuted nor bound without having to deal with God, the source of the Christian's strength. In

stead of Saul commanding the Christian, they Ananias commanded him what to do. When we enter on a journey in connection with the King's business we must fall in line and learn to receive orders from heaven.

V. 7. "And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless." They were struck with terror as if dumb. Chap. 22:9; 26:14 by comparison with this verse seems to be a variance, however, the men with

Saul heard the voice only as a sound, but did not understand the articulate words addressed to Saul. Compare John 12:28, 29, another such instance. "Hearing a voice, but seeing no man." Compare Dan. 10:7. It was possible for Saul in the light of the foregoing Scriptures to see a vision and hear a voice not understood by his companions.

SAUL BLINDED BY THE VISION

V. 8. "And Saul arose from the earth." He was now beginning to obey Christ. "And when his eyes were opened, he saw no man." For the time being he was struck blind to natural things. "But they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus." How different was Saul now led as a blind man into the city from Saul a few hours before, traveling with authority to bind those that call upon the name of Jesus. God would give him both a safe arrival, a prosperous and happy journey.

V. 9. "And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink." These were the best days of Saul's life. His conviction was deep, his mind fixed alone for heavenly things and upon Jesus of Nazareth and His church which he had persecuted. Perhaps he did not care for food.

V. 10. "And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias." This was a different Ananias from that mentioned in Acts 5:1. His obedience to the voice of God substantiates that fact. "And to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias." Like the communication with Peter on the housetop and Cornelius in Caesarea, all that surrounds the conversion of Saul was supernatural. "And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord." His response was like that of Isaiah mentioned in Isa. 6:8; 1 Sam. 3:4, 6, 8.

SAUL PRAYETH

V. 11. "And the Lord said unto him, Arise." Possibly Ananias was at the time reclining on his couch when the vision came. "And go into the street which is so-called because it ran rectly thru the city. Tradition quotes this street as being about two miles long running from the northwest to the southwest, near the center of the city. At the time of this incident it was a magnificent thoroughfare. "And enquire in the house of one called Saul, of Tarsus." Here is beautiful order of a spirit-filled child of God led and directed by His Lord. "For, behold, he prayeth." Guilty because of persecution in blindness and bodily suffering, with mind agitated. In due humiliation he found time, because of his condition, to seek God. Ananias was sent to his rescue in answer to prayer.

V. 12. "And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in." Whatever he had undergone during these days resulted in a further revelation of God's program. "And putting his hands on him that he might receive his sight." That which he had begun in the form of a miracle now quietly ends in a miracle. And the would-be captor submitted to his anticipated cap-



TESTIMONIES



TRUSTS THE LORD FOR EVERYTHING

On June 17th my son, James Helvig, had the misfortune of breaking his arm. We fell upon our knees and called on the Lord and when we rose to our feet he had no pain whatever. He went to bed and in about an hour he fell asleep, but his arm was still very crooked.

We just praised the Lord and looked to Him for complete victory and glory to God He did not put us to shame. The good Lord set his arm and healed him and he was soon able to go back to work again, no splints were used.

My husband also experienced a wonderful healing. Three years ago last spring he took sick with bloodpoison. It started in his left arm and went thru his body and broke out in his right arm and hand. The Lord opened eight drains in his hand and arm and kept them open until they were thru draining, not a drop of medicine, not even a pill was used. My husband went to work three years ago August 1st and has not lost a day since.

I was also healed of liver and heart trouble. I suffered much for over twelve years but when I obeyed His Word He healed me, praise His holy name.

I wish to add this, the Evangel has been a great help to me. When I began reading the Evangel I had very little faith for healing but now we trust the Lord for everything. We all have the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Blessed be the name of our Lord! Please pray for us that we will be faithful unto the end.—Mrs. A. I. Helvig, Box 85, Dakota City, Iowa.

WONDERFUL HEALING

July 23rd the Lord visited my home about two o'clock in the morning. The angel seemed to come right into the room where my little nine year old girl lay very sick. She could not have lived many hours longer without relief from pain. She suffered several days and nights. She trusted the Lord as she knew nothing but to trust God as she had never taken a dose of medicine in her life.

My husband being unsaved called a doctor, just to see what the trouble was, as she suffered such agony of pain. She could not sleep night or day but continued crying with pain. The doctor said she was worse off than we thought she was. He thought because we were not afraid to trust her in God's hands that we did not realize how sick our baby was. He said she might be suffering from kidney stones, also appendicitis. Well, all we can say about this is that if she was suffering from these complaints God healed the three in one, for we know that she had colitis.

God surely honors His children who trust Him and stands by them, praise

His dear name. Of course the saints were praying all these days of trial. Sunday night two sisters came in and spent the night. About two o'clock the Lord visited the earth. The angels seemed to draw near and rejoice with us. The child had been crying with pain so long and could not get easy long enough to go to sleep, and when the Lord touched her she fell asleep and slept so sound that her father thought she was dead. The power of God was so strong that he would not draw near enough to touch her to see if she was dead. When I told him to raise his hands in praise to God for healing our baby he raised his hands for he knew it was a miracle right from heaven. The child began eating after a few hours sleep, anything that her appetite called for. She was too weak to sit up the first day but on the Sunday following she walked four miles and she looks and feels better than before she got sick. I have trusted God for seventeen years for healing and He has raised me up after the doctor said that I was dead, praise God. I mean to trust Him to the end by His grace.

I covet the prayers of all who know the worth of prayer that my husband will be saved, also my three grown children who once knew the Lord, and pray that I'll be faithful to the end which may be soon.

The Lord surely is blessing our church here at Ft. Myers. Almost every service is so good that we are made hungry to hurry back for another good feast with the Lord. Pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. E. Goodson, 2914 Polk St., Ft. Myers, Fla.

GOD WONDERFULLY HEALED ME

I praise God for his goodness to me, for salvation is so real to me. I praise God that when He sanctified me He set me apart from the world and took the desire for worldiness out of my heart. I thank God for baptizing me with the Holy Ghost.

I praise Him for the wonderful healing power. I know it is real. One year ago in June I had a paralytic stroke and was helpless. I could not move or speak and God wonderfully healed me. I was able to walk the next day, glory to God! God also healed me of a cancer of the nose. I sent a handkerchief to Brother L. G. Rouse and God completely healed me overnight. Praise God's great name! I have had so many wonderful healings for my body I could not tell them all.

I praise God for the wonderful convention I was in at Pittsburg, Kans. Our state overseer was there. Our souls really were fed on the Word. It was more wonderful than tongue could tell. We met some of God's good people there and enjoyed a good revival following the con-

vention. Several souls prayed through to victory, a number were baptized in water, and some united with the church.

I praise God for our foreign missionaries. I feel more impressed to work harder for the foreign fields than ever before after reading about Brother Raney's trip to Cat Islands. It should melt the heart of anyone. My heart goes out to those poor people. I surely mean to tell people of their needs and do all I can to lend a helping hand. May God ever help us here in the land of plenty to do our best for lost men and women. Please pray for me when you pray.—Mrs. C. L. Baker, 2716 St. Joe Ave., St. Joseph, Mo.

EXPECTING GOD TO UNDER-TAKE

BANNING, Ga.—On June 18th Sister Smith came here and started a meeting. It started with a good interest the first night. We were sad when the news came that Sister Smith and her niece would have to return to their homes in Florida because of sickness.

Sister Baker remained with us and the Lord blessed to an extent that we believe souls were convicted of their lost condition. Still they hardened their hearts and put Him off again. This is a hard place and the Church of God is new and fought hard, but the Lord, we know, is powerful and able to give the victory. We are still looking to Him and expecting Him to undertake and send more good workers this way to help us fight sin. No one got saved, sanctified or filled with the Holy Ghost, but we feel that all the members were blessed and have a deeper determination to go on and stay humble.

The meeting closed Sunday night, June 25th, with some in the altar. This is a good field for workers. We are looking for Sisters Baker and Smith with a band of workers to come back later, and we are expecting great things from the Lord. Pray for this place that God will bless, also that He will bless Sister Baker in the work for Him.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Effie Tolbert, clerk.

LORD BLESSING IN W. TENN.

RIPLEY, Tenn.—I am praising the Lord for the revival just closed here at our church, Beasley Chapel, about six miles from Ripley which began July 12th and closed August 13th with Brother A. R. Martin in charge. There were about twenty saved, twelve sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, some reclaimed, eight baptized in water and five added to the church. It seems that the church was revived. Mose every one now has courage.

No one would make a mistake in getting Brother Martin and family to conduct a revival. They will be a blessing to any church. When you pray remember the little church at Beasley Chapel down here in West Tennessee, also remember the writer that I will ever do God's will.—Your brother, B. H. Smith, Rt. 6, Ripley, Tenn.

DURHAM, N. C. DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Durham District convention of the Church of God convened at Sanford, N. C. Sept. 1-3. After a song service and prayer Brother Ralph Tedder, pastor, gave the welcome address, followed by response from Brother Ramon Turnage, then we had an old time testimony service. The power of God came down and we were blessed in a wonderful way. Brother John L. Stephens, state overseer, delivered the message on "The Reward of the Faithful."

Saturday morning we gathered at 9:45. Following the song service Brother Turnage preached on "Overcoming." At 11:00 a. m. Brother John L. Stephens brought an able sermon to the ministers on "Management or Instructions." He painted the lazy pastor as the poorest person in the community and further explained that every movement of the preacher was noticed more than any one else, and showed the necessity of the preacher being an example. The afternoon was taken up with the call of the churches in this district. Nearly all reported wonderful progress. Brother Delk delivered a message on "Drifting." He pointed out how we should refrain from conceit, false contentment, rashness, slothfulness, evil association, timidity, and blasphemy. Most of the Saturday night service was given to the Y. P. E. After several inspiring songs Brother Frank Bradshaw preached on "Importance of the Y. P. E." Brother Stephens then preached on the "Second Coming of Jesus." The power of God came down and filled the house in a mysterious way. Many fell in the altar and God blessed.

Serv'ces began at 9:30 a. m. Sunday with songs and prayer. Brother David Smith preached on "God's Financial Plan." An offering of \$6.01 was taken for missions. Brother J. R. Vann came next and preached on "The Light of the Church." Brother A. J. Butler then made a very interesting talk on "God's Movement or Plan Including the Mighty Power of God." The convention came to a close with lunch on the ground. The tables held an array of good things to eat which were enjoyed by a large crowd. After lunch all went to their homes rejoicing over the wonderful blessings they had received. The convention was great in every way—preaching, music, and fellowship. The good people of Sanford had opened their homes to the delegates from all sections and made all welcome. — J. E. McLamb, Erwin, N. C.

KEPT FIGHTING, GAINED VICTORY

FITZGERALD, Ga.—We have just closed a wonderful revival in Pitts, Ga. When this meeting started it seemed that the devil was going to defeat us, but thank the Lord we kept on fighting and gained the victory as those who made the walls of Jericho fall.

The first altar call was among the saints who seemed cold, but before the service was over there was unity and love once more among those the enemy had tried to scatter. God truly worked in a wonderful way among the young folks. Several received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some were saved and sanctified and those who had gone back from the way came to the Lord once more as the prodigal who returned to his father's house. We ask all to pray that God will keep every one of these that they may never again turn back.

There was wonderful attendance from the first to the last night with real good interest. Many nights there were as many on the outside of the tabernacle

as on the inside. We want to say for the folks in Georgia that distance means nothing to the people here. Many came from seven to ten miles and many walked two and three miles each way to be in meeting. Truly we can say for Pitts, "I was glad when they said to me, let us go unto the house of the Lord."

We are now in Fitzgerald, Ga. in another revival with Brother Cobb Denard, pastor. We felt sweet fellowship the first night. We request the saints of God to pray that there might be a real outpouring here of the Spirit and added to the church such as will be ready when Jesus comes for the blood washed.— A. Shumaker and coworkers.

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REQUESTS

I request special prayer for the healing of my girl. We are trusting the Lord for both soul and body. Pray that the Lord will also heal my mother. They are both having chills.—Your brother in Christ, R. H. Nance, Moro, Ark.

Please pray for me to be able to overcome and keep the victory.—James Markland, Richmond, Jamaica.

My baby fifteen months old lies at the point of death with colitis and I ask the prayers of God's children for his healing. —Your sister in Christ, Ethel Gray, Rt. 4, Baxley, Ga.

Dear saints, please pray for my father. He is afflicted with pellagra and so am I. Pray for us that the Lord will heal us. My nerves are run down too. Pray for my brother and sister who are out in sin to be saved, also my husband.—A sister, Rhoda Tron, Valdese, N. C.

Please pray for my daughter who is afflicted in her body and is a backslider. Pray for her soul and body.—Mrs. Ivens, Mentone, Ala.

I am originally from Louisiana but am in Mississippi now and have not been well since I have been here. Pray that I will be healed and hold out faithful to God. I have been a member of the Church of God in Monroe, La. for about three years but am away from the church now. Pray that a way will be opened for me to go to church soon.—Dorothy King, Wesson, Miss., Rt. 4, in care of J. P. Woods.

I have been sick for nearly two years but God has never forsaken me. I ask the saints to have special prayer that God will take the swelling out of me. I have dropsy and leakage of the heart but I know God can heal. Sister Amella Shoemaker, write me at this address.—Pearl King, Rt. 4, Wesson, Miss. in care of J. P. Woods.

Pray that God will heal my body. —Mrs. Bettie Oanis, Aaron church.

Pray that God will bless in my home and heal me, my husband and baby of fever, and heal me of heart trouble. —Bessie Faircloth, Aaron church.

Dear readers of the Evangel, I desire an interest in your most fervent prayers that God will open up a way whereby we who are handicapped by lack of physical eyesight may receive a Spirit-filled magazine in revised Braille. We have some good literature but nothing so far as I know which reveals the deepest spiritual nature such as that which you dear saints with sight are privileged to enjoy. If you could read the heart's desire and longing of hundreds and perhaps thousands of hungry blind people your prayers would be greatly inspired in our behalf.

Oh how I thank God for the marvelous way in which He has led me out into the light, and I want to do all I can to pass it on to those likewise handicapped as I. I for one realize the value of intercessory prayer. There was once a time in my life when in the depths of despair without a ray of hope for eternity, I felt as if I had blasphemed the Holy Ghost and committed the unpardonable sin, thereby blasting all hopes of ever being saved, but, praise God for His all-seeing eye of love that looked down into my darkened doomed soul and in love and mercy showed me the way out. It is not the slogan, "Every man for himself," that really counts after all. Oh how I praise God for the loving kindness of His dear saints who have prayed for me and encouraged me in every way possible. Let us therefore follow the Holy Ghost injunction to bear one another's burdens and pray one for another. May God bless this message to your hearts.—Harry Hagemeister.

Dear brothers in Christ, my husband is in jail here at Cleveland, Miss. because we trusted the Lord with our little seven-year-old-boy. God took him home to glory. They had my husband's trial yesterday. The bond is \$500 and I can't make it.

I am left with my two little children, the oldest ten years, the other three years. The oldest one is sick so pray for her. I surely am in trouble. I need all of your prayers. Please pray, pray, pray. Both of us belong to the dear old Church of God.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. A. B. Chance, Rt. 1, Cleveland, Miss.

AKRON, OHIO SUNDAY SCHOOL DIST CONVENTION

The Akron district Sunday School convention was held at Laurel Ranch Park in Canton, Ohio with Brother E. Haynes in charge. The program opened at 10:00 a. m. Labor Day with songs and prayer. Brother Roy Staats gave us the welcome address. All the people on the Akron district feel very proud of Brother Staats as he started in the ministry from the Akron church. He is now pastor of the Canton church which is prospering under his ministry. At 11:00 talks on Sunday School work were given by Brother Snide, superintendent of the Sunday School in Canton; Sister Marion, who is in charge of the Magnolia church (and God is blessing her efforts); and Sister Roy Staats. At 11:30 we were dismissed for a big basket dinner on the ground.

Our next service opened at 12:30 with songs and prayer. Sister Haynes gave a talk on "What the Sunday School means to Me." She certainly knows how to conduct a Sunday School. Sister Ruth Nipe, in charge of the work at Dundee, talked on Sunday School. The Lord blessed her in a wonderful way. She is on fire and her work is progressing. Sister Gertrude Metcalf who has just closed a successful revival at Dundee, talked on "How We Can Increase the Attendance of Our Sunday School." She is a young evangelist

but is having success. Sister Edith Standridge talked to the young people. This was enjoyed by all as it was backed up by the Holy Ghost. She is the Y. P. E. leader in Akron. After her talk we all decided that the Y. P. E. is a great success in The Church of God. The writer gave a short talk on "How We Can Have Better Order in Sunday School." Brother Joseph Hughes talked on "How to Correct our Children." Brother Ben Shoop talked on "Where to Correct our Children." Brother E. O. Sells, our pastor in Akron, gave us a message on "Who Should Go to Sunday School." God blessed in a marvelous way. I believe many were encouraged to get up early Sunday morning and go to Sunday School and take their children. Brother E. Haynes gave a wonderful message to the superintendents, teachers, and secretaries. Brother Joe Cresty, our district superintendent, talked in regard to our district banner. He is taking great interest in the Sunday Schools of the Akron district and is doing everything in his power to increase the attendance. We thank the Lord for him. At four o'clock we were dismissed. Every one who could went back to Akron to the night service to hear Sister Helen L. Morrow who was in the midst of a good revival.—Your brother, Carl Hughes, superintendent of the Akron Sunday School.

A BIBLE WRITTEN BY HAND

Visitors to the Congressional Library at Washington are shown a Bible which could not be matched today by the best printing office in the world. It was written by a monk in the sixteenth century, and was the work of a lifetime. Even under the microscope not a single flaw can be found in all its thousands of pages.

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A legend relates that a young man who had sinned deeply became a monk and resolved to do penance for his misdeeds. He determined to copy the Bible that he might learn every letter of the Divine commands which he had violated. Every day for many years he patiently pursued his task. Each letter was wrought with reverence and love, and when the last touch was given to the last letter, the artificer, then an old man, reverently kissed the page and folded the sheets together.

The parchment still is in a perfect state of preservation. The volume is kept under a glass case, which sometimes is lifted to show the visitor that all the pages of the Book are as perfect as the two which lie open.—Publisher Unknown.

TWO NEW CHURCHES IN SOUTH ALABAMA

To our many friends who have not heard from us lately, we want to say that we are still on the battle field for the Lord. We want to praise God for the way He has blessed our efforts in giving us two new churches in South Alabama. We came down here in April and found that the Church of God had never been preached here, so after four weeks' revival we organized a church with eight members and we now have seventeen members, and they all stand for the Church of God in its fullness.

After we closed this meeting we began one about thirty miles from Chapman. At the close of the meeting we organized a church with twelve members and now have nineteen members. They will soon have the church completed. It will be a log church about 28x30, covered with cypress boards and celled. Best of all it is paid for.

South Alabama needs workers who are not afraid to step out for God as this is entirely missionary work. The Church of God has not been preached for hundreds of miles around in this part of the state. If you feel like coming down here don't be afraid of starving for I have worked around here for two years and have always had plenty.

I also want to thank God for His healing power. Wife and I accidentally got the itch and God wonderfully delivered us without our taking or rubbing on anything at all.

Everybody pray for us. Anyone wishing to write me can do so by addressing my mail to Chapman, Ala. — Luther J. Corley.

PRESENCE OF THE LORD MANIFESTED

MARIETTA, Ga.—We have just closed a successful revival at the Church of God on Rosville St. Brother W. T. Setser, our pastor, was in charge. He gave out some soul-stirring messages. Great conviction seized the hearts of many. The Lord began blessing right at the beginning of the meeting. Three were filled with the Holy Ghost. A number of seekers came to the altar at every service. It was truly wonderful on different occasions how the presence of the Lord was manifested. Brother Powell was a great blessing in giving out the Word, also Brother Dale was a good help. The Canton and Kenesaw saints gave us a hearty cooperation. A few of the Atlanta saints came and assisted in the meeting. We truly love all these dear saints. Fellowship and unity prevailed throughout.

Brother Setser has been our pastor for two years and we can truly say that he has been a great blessing to the church. We have a good Sunday School and Y. P. E. We are looking forward to another revival soon. We covet your prayers.—Yours in the service of the Lord, Mrs. B. A. Wheeler.

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